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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone conversation of April 3, 2003. By this amendment, Claims 1-16 and 54-60 of the present invention were cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' rights to file a continuation patent application directed to the subject matter. Applicants believe that this application is now in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is therefore respectfully requested. If the further prosecution can be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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